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1912 Dates J-BK

The emperor (of Holy Roman Empire) Charlemagne established Postal Service.

~~894~~ 807

Hakim emir at Cordova.

Haroun al RASCHID presents
Charlemagne with a water-
clock with automata.

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Haroun al Rashid presents
Chessgame with water-
clock with automata.

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Caliph in Bagdad sends
Water Clock to Charlemagne

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(742-814)

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Charlemagne

Charlemagne spent most of his 70 years in the saddle leading countless campaigns.

He loved to eat game roasted on a spit, ignoring his doctor's warning that it was bad for his health.

He received a famous gift from Sultan HARUN AL-RASHID (766-809), fifth Caliph of the ABBASID DYNASTY

and master of the Islamic world. He sent
an elephant, a luxurious Persian tent,
silk robes, perfumes, ornaments — and
an elaborate clock. It was made of brass
"a marvelous mechanical contraption, in which
the twelve hours moved according to a water
clock, with as many brass little balls,
which fell down on the floor and through
their fall made a cymbal ring underneath.
There were also 12 horsemen who at the hour stepped
out of 12 windows closing the previously open
one.

Charlemagne's Calendar